

- Provides confidential legal advice
- Provides legal assistance
- Advises on investigation & prosecution
- Separate Chain of Command- Part of AFLOA
- Can assist with expedited transfers
- Restricted reports – go to the SVC/SARC/FAP to ensure the report remains restricted
- If collateral misconduct arises, the SVC can represent the victim with ADC assistance
- All active duty victims of sexual assault, and AD dependents whose perpetrator is an AF AD member are eligible for SVC services

The purpose of the SVC program is to provide support to victims of sexual assault through independent representation; build and sustain victim resiliency; empower victims; and increase the level of legal assistance provided to victims. Victims will be provided free legal assistance for civil issues as well as knowledge and support during the military justice process.



**SPECIAL
VICTIMS
COUNSEL
(SVC)**

The SVC is separate from the Legal Office and the Area Defense Counsel (ADC), allowing the attorney to concentrate solely on the needs of the victim.

A victim can request an SVC through the SARC, FAP, or Base Legal Office. A victim may also directly contact the SVC office for legal assistance. If the victim meets all eligibility requirements, the victim will enter into an attorney/client confidential relationship with the SVC attorney. If you have any questions whether an individual qualifies for the SVC or any other concerns please call us or email us at ryan.richter.4@us.af.mil, seth.dilworth.1@us.af.mil, or vanessa.pichon@us.af.mil.

“The Air Force succeeds because of the professionalism and discipline of our Airmen. Sexual assault undermines that professionalism and discipline, harming not only the individuals involved, but also their unit, their mission, and our Service. When a fellow Airman is sexually assaulted, it is devastating. It destroys trust. It demoralizes families.

And we’re doing it to ourselves. We MUST do more to protect one another from this crime, by...strengthening our support of victims and making a culture of trust and respect a reality for everyone in our Air Force.”

- General Mark A. Welsh III, Air Force Chief of Staff, 18 November 2012

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“a member of the armed forces, or a dependent of a member, who is a victim of a sexual assault may be provided...[l]egal assistance by military or civilian legal assistance counsel pursuant to section 1044 of this title.”

-DoD General Counsel